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SUBJECT SECOND LIST OF PEN DETAINEES RELEASED

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0903 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 13
A LIST OF 795 PERSONS BEING DETAINED UNDER EXECUTIVE
STATE OF SIEGE POWERS (PODER EJECUTIVO NACIONAL) IN
LA PLATA PRISON (UNIT 9 OF THE ARGENTINE PENITENTIARY
SYSTEM). THIS, PLUS THE LISTING OF 708 (ACTUAL EMBASSY COUNT)
PEN DETAINEES IN VILLA DEVOTO PRISON ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 3 ACCOUNT
FOR 40 PERCENT OF THE APPROXIMATELY 3,600 PEN PRISONERS
ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE GOA. ADDITIONAL
PEN PRISONER LISTS FOR THE REMAINING FEDERAL
PENITENTIARIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED PERIODICALLY
OVER THE NEXT WEEKS. VILLA DEVOTO AND LA PLATA ARE
TWO OF THE LARGEST FACILITIES.

2. EMBASSYS ANALYSIS OF THE LA PLATA LIST FAILS TO DISCOVER 4
PEN DETAINEES WHO HAD SOUGHT EMBASSY RIGHT OF OPTION
CERTIFICATES FOR THE PRISON OFFICIALS IN THAT FACILITY:

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ANDRADA? JUAN CARLOS (C95/78/1)
BOLOTINI, JORGE CESAR (C-38/77/1)
CERVINE, FELIPE ANDRES (C-26/77/1)

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SCHULTIS, JUAN ALBERTO (C-30/77/11)
WE ARE CHECKING TO SEE IF THE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED
OR IF THE LIST IS INACCURATE IN THIS REGARD OR PERHAPS ABBREVIATED.
(SEE ALSO "TESTA" CASE BELOW.)

3. ALTHOUGH A CHECK OF THE VILLA DEVOTO AND LA PLATA PEN
PRISONER LISTS AGAINST THE EMBASSY FILE OF 663 DISAPPEARED
PERSONS HAS NOT PRODUCED ANY "APPEARANCES", THE PERMANENT
ASSEMBLY HAS NOTED THAT 14 PERSONS IN THE VILLA DEVOTO LIST
WERE AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY 2,400 DISAPPEARED CASES IN ITS
FILES. THEY ARE NOW ANALYZING THE LA PLATA PEN LIST.

4. THE FOLLOWING US HIGH INTEREST CASES WERE REPORTED TO BE
DETAINED IN LA PLATA.

BRAVO, ALFREDO PEDRO 117/77/9
GELSTEIN, ISIDOR 209/77/11
LIUZZI, SILVIO MELIANO 98/77/9
DOCE, FRANCISCO JAVIER 96/77/9
MATHOT, HUGO ORLANDO 100/77/9
MUSSE, ABRAHAM ELIAS 102/77/9
PEREZ ESQUIVEL, ADOLFO MARIA 92/77/9
SCHPREJER, ALBERTO MAXIMO 63/77/4
TAIANA, JORGE ENRIQUE 137/77/10
TRONCOSO, RAUL REINSOS 104/77/9
WESTERKAMP, GUSTAVO 73/77/6

ONE OTHER PERSON OF HIGH INTEREST, TESTA, JOHN FRANCO
103/77/9, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (SEE 1977 STATE
192160) TO BE DETAINED IN LA PLATA (BUT HAD NOT MADE A
RIGHT OF OPTION APPLICATION WITH EMBASSY) DID NOT APPEAR
ON THE MINISTRY OF INTERIORS LIST. WE ARE CHECKING
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ON THIS MATTER. ---

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF THIS SECOND
INSTALLMENT OF THE NAMES OF PEN DETAINEES WAS MADE WITH
CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY AND FLOURISH. THE ARMY CONTROLLED
LA OPINION OF FEBRUARY 14 CARRIED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL
PRAISING THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE ACTION AND POINTING OUT
HOW THIS COMPLIES WITH VIDELAS LONG RANGE PLANS FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENT.
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